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Officers of the Association.

J. C. GILLENTINE, Abney, Miss. - Moderator.
STEVE H. TURNER, Mantachie, Miss, : Clerk.
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Evergreen, Miss, - Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

Elder J. C. Gillentine, P., Abney, Miss.
" W. J. Thomas, W. C., Abney, Miss.
" J. J. Turner, P., Mantachie, Miss.
" W. H. Moore, P., Richmondlee, Miss.
" J. J. Moore, P., Richmondlee, Miss.
" J. M. Goolsby, W. C., Nettleton, Miss.
" S. P. Harris, W. C., Plantersville, Miss.
" J. A. McCully, P., Guntown, Miss.
" S. S. Houston, P., Kirkville, Miss.
" A. N. Cook, W. C., Longville, Miss.

EXPLANATION.—"P." means Pastor; "W. C." without a charge at the present time.

MINUTES.

The Forty-second Session of the Judson Baptist Association, convened with Mt. Vernon Church, September 6th, 1894.

Elder J. C. Gillintine preached the Annual Sermon. Text: Romans, 1st chapter, 17th verse. A recess until 2 o'clock was taken.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together at 2 o'clock by singing. The Moderator read 23rd Psalm Prayer by Elder J. J. Moore. Elder J. L. Furguson and Elder J. J. Turner were appointed reading clerks. After the letters from seventeen churches were read, the body went into an election for permanent organization, Elders J. L. Furguson and Joseph Faris, acting as tellers, with the following result:

Moderator, J. C. Gillintine; Clerk, Steve H. Turner; Treasurer, J. M. Armstrong.

By motion adopt the same order of business as last year. Elder Furguson was received as a correspondent from the Aberdeen Association, Eld. Joseph Faris from the Tombigbee; and all visitors were invited to take seats with us.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

On Devotion—J. D. Coggins, B. Lesley and John Clayton, together with the Deacons of this Church.

On Missions—Elder J. J. Turner, P. J. Mattox and A. J. Doty.

On Obituaries—L. B. Goudy, M. V. Mattox and S. M. Houston.

On Finance—J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams and W. M. Parker.

On Ministerial Education—Elder A. N. Cook, J. L. Buse and J. J. Turner.

On Temperance—Elder W. J. Thomas, J. H. Worthy and W. B. George.

On Statof Religion—J. D. Coggins, W. F. Whitlock and J. G. Chilcoat.

On Baptist Instiutions—Elder J. J. Turner, J. H. Griffin, A. L. Magers.

On Literature—J. H. Williams, M. V. Mattox and J. F. Peligrew.

On Documents—John Clayton, S. M. T. Houston and B. F. Gregory.

On Music—W. M. Parker, J. L. Bailey and W. M. Whitaker.

On Sunday School——Elder J. J. Moore, J. L. Bailey and T. Powell.

On Resolutions—Elder Moore, L. B. Duvall and M. L. Cook.

Devotional committe reports that Elder J. M. Goolsby preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. By motion adjourn until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by Elder A. N. Cook.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Bro. J. M. Armstrong was called to the chair. Eld. J. J. Moore read the 12th chapter of Romans and led in prayer. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. At this time the Moderator took the chair. Eld. J. J. Turner read the following report on Mission, to-wit.

We understand that a missionary is one who is sent. Jesus, our Savior, was the first great missionary, sent into world to save those that believe. He organized this Church, and said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." So we understand that it is our duty to send men into all the world to do the preaching we have been commanded to do by Him, whose servants we are. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. TURNER, Chairman.

Which was after some few remarks adopted.

Eld. A. N. Cook read the following report on Ministerial Education, viz: God has given man a number of faculties, and He holds man accountable for his improvement of these faculties. A minister in this, the nineteenth century, is not excused. We believe all men should get a literary education, and it is more incumbent on the minister than on the layman. That he may be better equipped to withstand the darts of infidels, and fathom the depths of Holy writ. We wish it known that we would not discourage our old soldiers of the cross who have not been so fortunate as to receive an education, we reverence them and bid them God speed in the good work. We are glad to note a spirit of education which is growing daily. In conclusion we will say, help with your means to educate young misters, as the Lord has required you to do.

A. N. COOK, Chairman.

Which was after some discussion adopted. By motion adjourn for preaching. During recess Eld. J. M. Goolsby preached a very interesting sermon from Timothy, 4th chapter, 6th verse.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 1:30 o'clock by singing. Prayer by Eld. A. N. Cook. Devotional committee report that Eld. J. L Furguson preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Elder J. J. Moore read the following report on Sunday Schools, viz:

Brethren, we have no remembrance of the time when there was more interest in Sunday school work in the Judson Association as there has been during the past year, and it is still growing, we believe that nearly every church in the Association has had a Sunday school. We thank God that this great Sabbath school agitation is not confined to Judson Association, but the christianized world is being agitated along this line. We recommend that every minister do his utmost, to work up a Sabbath school interest in their churches. Again we recommend that all the delegates in attendance here, when they meet with their respective churches do all they can to increase the Sabbath school interest in their churches. Brethren, strive to make all the worldlings as well as churchmen members of the Sabbath school. May God speed the day when we all may be fully alive on this line, We believe our Sunday school board is doing a good work. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MOORE, Chairman.

Which was after some remarks adopted.

Eld. W. J. Thomas read the following report on Temperance, to-wit: Intemperance is one of the most powerful and distructive agencies brought to bear on our people, for the distruction of not only the body but also the soul. Therefore the doctrin of temperance is taught in the New Testament. There has been so much said and written upon the subject of temperance that it only remains now for us to put in practice what we teach. We believe the churches of Christ ought not to tolerate the use of ardent spirits. Temperance is one of the fundamental principles taught in the Bible, and the church being the executive body of Christ on earth is required to execute a strict discipline over her members in reference to intemperance, as well as other sins. We are taught in the scriptures that, "no drunkard hath everlasting life." If no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom, how careful should the church be to teach and practice the principles of temperance. We believe that dram drinking is the first step towards drunkness, and the only sure way to remove the evil is to touch not, taste not, handle not that which all are to perish by using thereof.

W. J. Thomas, Chairmain.

Which was after some remarks adopted.

By motion adjourn to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction by Elder J. L. Furguson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 103rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Coggins. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Bro. J. D. Coggins read the following report on State of Religion, towit: We find from the letters that the State of Religion is on the decline, it seems that the Lord has with held this spiritual blessing from us, this Associational year. Brethren let us pray, that the Lord revive His work among His people again. We pray that our churches may have glorious revivals during our next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Coggins, Chairman.

Which was after some discussion adopted. By motion the regular order of business was suspended, Liberty was selected as the place for next meeting. Elder J. M. Goolsby was selected to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. J. J. Moore as alternate. By motion J. M. Armstrong, J. A. Williams, W. M. Parker, J. L. Bailey and Steve H. Turner were elected the executive committee. By motion R. S. Thomas, J. J. Moore, W. A. Duvall, S. S. Houston and Steve H. Tnrner were elected Snnday School committe. By motion resume the regular order of business. Bro. J. M. Armstrong submitted the following report as Treasurer:

Amount on hand from last year, $53.75. Amount received from executive committee $14.75 Amount received from finance committee $38.82. Total, $107.23. Credited by Foreign Misssion $11.10. Southern Baptist Home $2.75, Expenses $0.15. To T. A. McCully $5.00 By amount paid to Clerk for minutes $14.25. By amount allowed by the Association to correct a mistake in Finance report $2.95, to be taken from Associational Missions. Total $36.20. Balance on hand $71.03.

J. M. Armstcng, Treasurer.

Which was adopted.

Bro. J. M. Armstrong made the following report for the executive committee, to-wit:

From Hopewell,	$1.30,	Association	Mission;	$1.30	Foreign,
" Boughfala,	75	"	"	45	"
" Mantachie,	50	"	"	50	"
" Evergreen,	53	"	"	52	"
" Bethel,	70	"	"	70	"
" Richmond,	17	"	"	18	"
" Union Hill.	38	"	"	37	"
" Unity,	12	"	"	13	"
By Public col.	3.08	"	"	3 07	"
Total,	$7.53			$7.22	

Grand total, $14.75

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

The same was adopted.

Bro. J. M. Armstrong offered the following report for Finance committee:

Churches.	Associational.	State mission.	Home mission.	Foreign mission.	Minutes.
Boughfala	$ 80				$ 1 05
Unity					25
Bethel					1 65
Center Hill				9 52	1 70
Evergreen					1 00
Friendship					80
Hopewell	15				1 10
Liberty	10				50
Mantachie	2 35			2 30	1 00
Mt. Vernon					50
Oak Grove	50		50	50	30
Plantersville		2 50	2 50	2 85	1 55
Pleasant Hill					65
Richmond					1 10
Shiloh					35
Union Hill					50
Oak Hill					25
Total,	$3 90	$2 50	$3 00	$15 17	$14 25

Adopted.

Bro. L. B. Goudy read the following report on Obituaries: We find that the loss to the churches by death are as follows: Bro. I. O. Priddy and Sister Sarah Thomas, of Hopewell; Bro. Edmond Hodges, of Mantachie, died June 15th 1894, in a living faith; Sister Fannie Stovall, of Bethel; Bro. K. A. Armstrong, of Plantersville. He lived in the cause of his Master for many years and died in a living faith September 30, 1893, age 67; Sister Molissie Howerton and Bro. B. B. Magers, of Friendship; Sister Ivy, of Richmond; Sister Elizabeth Arnal died August 13, 1894, and Sister M. E. Finny died May 17, 1894, of Liberty; Bro. John Strietland, of Unity; and Bro. John Leathers,

Mt. Vernon, died August 15, 1894, aged about 75 years. He was a grand old soldier of the cross We believe that our loss is their eternal gain.

L. B. Goudy, Chairman.

After some discussion the same was adopted.

By motion adjourn for preaching. Benediction by Eld. A. N. Cook. During recess Eld. J. L. Furguson preached an excellent sermon, Romans 8th chapter, 36th verse.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association came together at 1:30 o'clock by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Williams. Devotional committee report that Eld. J. J. Moore preach to night and Eld. J. C. Gillentine at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Eld. S. S. Houston read the following report on Baptist Institutions for Eld. J J. Turner, to:wit: We find that there are many excellent schools and colleges in this State, under Baptist control; but we would especially recommend, Mississippi College for our boys; and Blue Mountain Female College for our girls. Respectfully submitted, J. J. TURNER, Chairman.

After some remarks the same was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Williams read the following report on Literature, viz: We recommend the reading of the Bible by all people, as it is the word of God, and the man of our counsel, and the best food for the mind and heart, which literature alone can reach. And as bread, is the greatest food to keep alive and make strong the body. So the Bible is the best and only food for the mind, to keep it alive and make it strong, in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We also recommend our Sunday school helps, published at Nashville, Tenn., which are the property of the Southern Baptist Convention, and are purely Baptist in doctrine. We also recommend the reading of the Record and Layman and the Foreign Mission Journal and the Baptist and Reflecter.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Which was after some remarks adopted.

Bro. John Clayton read the following report on Documents, to-wit: We find that the Union of the First District meets with Oak Grove Church, Thursday before the 3rd Lord's day in August, 1895. Eld. S. S. Houston to preach the Introductory sermon. Eld. J. A, McCully alternate. Subjects and persons to write:

1st, "does the regenerated man sin ?"—J. S. Howerton and L. A. Lollar.

2nd. "Did Jesus wash the Apostle's feet in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper ?"—S. H. Turner and J. B. Whitaker.

3rd. "Why do Baptist Baptise ?"—S. S. Houston and R. A. Grissom.

4th.—If a person could live a perfect life after he reached the years of accountability, would he be saved ?"—J. W. Morris and T. J. Johnson.

5th. "Origin, history, working and possibilities of Union meetings?"—Eld. J. J. Turner.

5th. "When was the Church of Christ set up ?—J. L. Bailey and C. A. Gillentine.

We also find that the Union of the Second District meets with Hopewell church on Thursday before the first Lord's day in August, 1895. Eld. S. P. Harris to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. J. J. Moore, alternate.

Subjects and persons to write:

1st "An exigesis on the Parable in Mathew 20th chapter, 1st to 16th

verse inclusive ?"—J. C. Gillintine.

2nd. "To what extent can Baptist scripturally affilliate with Pedo Baptist ?"—R. S. Thomas.

3rd. "What good is accomplished by members attending their church meeting ?"—J. A. Williams.

4th. "Should churches have a set time to come together for prayer ?"—J. J. Moore.

5th. "When is the Christian to receive his reward ?"—W. H. Moore.

6th. "If the church has the right to invite her membership to come forward and take the front seats at the Lord's Supper has the Deacons any right to pass it beyond the invitation ?"—S. P. Harris.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN CLAYTON, Chairman.

The same was adopted. Bro. W. M. Parker read the following report on Music, to-wit : A part from the preached word and prayer there is nothing redounds more to the glory of God in our public services than music. Good music prepares the minister to preach, and the people to hear. We are commanded in God's word to sing and make melody in our heart to God. We recommend as congregational music, the Evergreen Hymns, and Sabbath school and church music, the Class Choir and Congregation, and Zion's March, and we would further recommend that there be a good choir organized in each church in this Association. Respectfully submitted, W. M. Parker, Ch'm.

Which was after some remarks adopted.

The following correspondents were appointed, to-wit :

To Tombigbee—J. W. Morgan and Steve H. Turner.

To Aberdeen—T. Powel.

To State Convention—Elders J. J. Moore and J. C. Gillentine.

To Southern Baptist Convention—R. S. Thomas, with Eld. J. M. Goolsby as alternate.

By motion instruct the clerk to correct a mistake in the Finance report. At this point the following amounts were handed in to supplement the Minute fund : Friendship, 20 cents ; Unity, 35 cents ; Boughfala, 60 cents ; Union Hill, 20 cents ; Mt. Vernon, 25 cents; Plantersville, 25 cents; Liberty 25 cents; Hopewell, 25 cents; Fate Brown, 5 cents; J. W. Jarvis, 10 cents. The following resolutions were handed in, to-wit :

1st. Resolved, That we request all churches to send to our next Association and to all subsequent Associations an itemized account of all their expenses for all purposes, and also the value of their church property, Adopted.

2nd. Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and the good people of this community for their kindness extended to us during our stay among them.

ELD. J. J. MOORE, Chairman.

Which were adopted.

Bro. W. M. Parker read the following report from the Sunday School Convention, to-wit : We have been meeting with 5th Sunday Union at each of its meetings, and have had one annual meeting during the past year, and we find that nearly all the churches in the bounds of this Association have an organized Sunday school, with very good attendance. We hope to give you a correct report of Sunday school work at your next meeting. We find that the Sunday school work is progressing fast in this Association, and we hope to see the day in the near future when each church in the Association will have a well or-

ganized Sunday school. Respectfully submitted,

R. S. THOMAS, President.
W. M. PARKER, Sec'y. S. S. C.

Which was adopted.

By motion instruct our Clerk to have 300 copies of the minutes printed and keep the rest of the minute fund to pay him for his service. By motion adjourn to meet with Libery on Thursday before the third Lord's day in September, 1895. The good old hymn "Come thou fount of every blessing" was sung and the parting hand extended. Thus closed one of the most harmonious sessions of the Judson Association.

J. C. GILLENTINE, Moderator.
STEVE H. TURNER, Clerk.

LIST OE DELEGATES.

Boughfala—John Clayton, B. F. Gregory, L. P. McCarty.
Friendship—J. S. Howerton, J. L. Bailey, J. A. Martin.
Fellowship not represented. Macedonia not represented.
Mantachie—C. A. Gillentine, S, H. Turner, M. L. Cook.
Mt. Vernon—J. W. Morgan, W. B. George, J. H. Griffin.
Oak Grove—Eld. J. J. Turner, A. L. Magers, H. C. Bushing.
Oak Hill—R. A. Webb. D. M. Pardon, J. L. Buse.
Pleasant Hill—J. J. Turner, W. M. Whitaker, A. J. Doty.
Shiloh—W W Johnson, S S Houston, S M T Houston.
Unity—Eld A N Cook, John Davidson, Mac Raper.
Bethel—John Sheffield, J G Chilcoat, L B Duvall.
Center Hill—Eld S P Harris, L B Goudy,. T Powel.
Evergreen—Eld W H Moore, M V Mattox, J M Beachum.
Hopewell—Eld J C Gillentine, Eld W J Thomas, W M Parker.
Liberty—J T L Brown, W F Whitlock, J H Worthy.
Plantersville—R S Thomas, J A Williams, R T Hill.
Richmond—Eld J J Moore, B Listey, P J Mattox.
Union Hill—J F Petigrew, J w Armstrong, J D Coggins.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Let'r.	Died.	Excluded.	Total.	Day of Meeting.
Boughfala	W. H. Moore	Mooresville	2	2		3			114	4th
Fellowship x		Saltillo							63	....
Friendship	S. S. Houston	Guntown	2	5		16	2	2	80	3rd
Macedonia x	S. W. Price	Tupelo							17	....
Mantachice	J. J. Moore	Mantachie	6	8		3	1		74	3rd
Mt. Vernon	J. J. Turner	Raburnsville	3			4	1	1	68	1st
Oak Grove	J. C. Gillentine	Ratliff	5	9		7			126	1st
Oak Hill	J. J. Turner	Guntown		10	1				13	4th
Pleasant Hill	S. W. Price	Tupelo	9	2		13			50	1st
Shiloh	J. A. McCully	Kirkville	7			2			26	3rd
Unity	J. J. Turner	Longville	2	2	1	13	1	1	46	3rd
Bethel	J. C. Gillentine	Ballardsville	5	6	1	7	1		130	2nd
Center Hill	J. L. Furguson	Plantersville	1	7		2			69	4th
Evergreen	J. J. Moore	Evergreen			1				28	2nd
Hopewell	J. C. Gillentine	Abney	20	1		8	2		141	4th
Liberty	J. J. Moore	Big Fork	4	3		4	2		58	1st
Plantersville	J. L. Furguson	Plantersville		1		3	1		44	2nd
Richmond	W. H. Moore	Richmondlee	11			1	1		62	3rd
Union Hill	J. J. Moore	Nettleton	3	7	2	5		1	48	4th
Total,			90	63	6	92	12	5	1251	

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